

RESTATEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS**In the Claims:**

The following is a list of claims currently pending in this application and their current status. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of ~~searching~~ specifying a search criteria for use by a search engine that searches among a plurality of self-describing, structured documents, said documents including document fields, the method including:

providing a graphical user interface including

a document type selection filter;

~~one or more~~ at least one document field selection ~~filters~~ filter, context sensitive to a selected document type;

~~one or more~~ at least one value specification ~~fields~~ field, context sensitive to ~~respective~~ a selected document ~~fields~~ field; and

as non-displaying fields, one or more path specifications corresponding to the document fields and to the value specification fields, said path specification~~[[s]]~~ identifying at least one node~~[[s]]~~ to be tested against the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~;

receiving ~~the~~ a selected document type ~~, and the~~ a completed value specification~~[[s]]~~ and ~~the~~ a corresponding path specification~~[[s]]~~; and

~~searching a subset of~~ sending a search criteria to a search engine that searches the self-describing, structured documents based on the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~ and the corresponding path specification~~[[s]]~~, ~~the subset~~ including documents of the selected document type;

wherein the self-describing, structured documents are XML documents.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the path specifications are compliant with ~~any version of~~ an XPath standard.

3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface is ~~a character string~~ compliant with ~~any version of~~ an HTML standard.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the graphical user interface is ~~a character string~~ compliant with ~~any version of~~ an HTML standard.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the graphical user interface is ~~a character string~~ compliant with ~~any version of~~ an HTML standard.

8. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of ~~searching~~ specifying a search criteria for use by a search engine that searches among a plurality of self-describing, structured documents, said documents including document fields, the method including:

providing a graphical user interface including

a document type selection filter;

~~one or more~~ at least one document field selection ~~filters~~ filter, context sensitive to a selected document type; and

~~one or more~~ at least one value specification ~~fields~~ field, context sensitive to ~~respective~~ a selected document ~~fields~~ field;

receiving ~~the~~ a selected document type, ~~and the~~ a completed value specification~~[[s]]~~ and a document field identifier~~[[s]]~~ corresponding to the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~;

looking up a path specification~~[[s]]~~ corresponding to the document field identifier~~[[s]]~~, said path~~[[s]]~~ specification~~[[s]]~~ identifying at least one node~~[[s]]~~ to be tested against the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~; and

~~searching a subset of~~ sending a search criteria to a search engine that searches a subset of the self-describing, structured documents based on the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~ and the corresponding path specification~~[[s]]~~, ~~the subset~~ including documents of the selected document type;

wherein the self-describing, structured documents are XML documents.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the path specifications are compliant with ~~any version of~~ an XPath standard.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the graphical user interface is ~~a character string~~ compliant with ~~any version of~~ an HTML standard.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the graphical user interface is ~~a character string~~ compliant with ~~any version of~~ an HTML standard.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the graphical user interface is ~~a character string~~ compliant with ~~any version of~~ an HTML standard.

15. (Currently amended) A method of specifying to a server where to search among a plurality of self-describing, structured documents, said documents having document types and including document fields, the method including:

displaying a graphical user interface including
a document type selection filter;

~~one or more~~ at least one document field selection ~~filters~~ filter, context sensitive to a selected document type; and

~~one or more~~ at least one value specification ~~fields~~ field, context sensitive to ~~respective~~ a selected document ~~fields~~ field;

the graphical user interface further including, as non-displaying fields, ~~one or more~~ at least one path specification~~[[s]]~~ corresponding to the selected document field~~[[s]]~~ and to ~~the~~ a completed value specification field~~[[s]]~~, said path specification~~[[s]]~~ identifying at least one node~~[[s]]~~ to be tested against the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~;

receiving from a user the selected document type and the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~; and

transmitting to a server the selected document type and the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~ and the path specification~~[[s]]~~ corresponding to the completed value specification~~[[s]]~~;

wherein the self-describing, structured documents are XML documents.

16-24. (Cancelled)